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- STATUS OF USG EMPLOYEES IN FMLN OCCUPIED AREA

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AT 0200 HRS 11/29 FMLN GUERRILLAS ATTACKED COLONIA LOMAS VERDES AND CURRENTLY HAVE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF A THREE-BLOCK AREA OF THIS WEALTHY RESIDENTIAL AREA IN THE NORTHWEST SUBURB OF ESCALON, ABOUT 1 MILE WEST OF THE SHERATON HOTEL. ESAF ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT 100 FMLN GUERRILLAS ARE CURRENTLY HOLDING THE AREA TRAPPING AS MANY AS 200 RESIDENTS OF THE ZONE, SOME POSSIBLY AS HOSTAGES, INCLUDING, ACCORDING TO REPORTS, A MEMBER OF ARENA'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND, POSSIBLY, A BRITISH NATIONAL.

3. SEVERAL MISSION OFFICERS LIVE IN THE AREA AND, DUE TO HEAVY FIGHTING THROUGHOUT THE DAY, HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES. EFFORTS BY MISSION SECURITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS TO ENTER THE ZONE HAVE BEEN THWARTED BY ESAF AND GUERRILLA BARRICADES. ADMIN COUNSELOR SUCCEEDED BY USING THE SALVADORAN GREEN CROSS IN EXTRACTING TWO FAMILIES UNDER FIRE FROM THE ZONE AT ABOUT 1500. HOWEVER, A LAST EFFORT TO ENTER THE AREA AT 1745 (15 MINUTES BEFORE CURFEW) FAILED AFTER GUERRILLA TROOPS REFUSED TO LET GREEN CROSS VEHICLES ENTER THE ZONE. POST WILL ATTEMPT TO ENTER FIRST THING AM OF NOVEMBER 30.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH OFFICERS IN THE AREA ARE MADE DIFFICULT BY POOR PHONE CONNECTIONS AND FAULTY RADIO TRANSMISSIONS (POWER HAS BEEN OUT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS, AND THE RADIOS ARE NOTICEABLY WEAKER). THE OFFICERS IN QUESTION, AND THEIR STATUS, FOLLOWS:

VINCENT CARVER --STATE POL-- (ALONE): LAST CONTACT WITH MR. CARVER WAS AT 1600 WHEN HE CALLED TO REPORT THE FMLN WAS "KICKING HIS DOOR IN." WE HAVE HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH MR. CARVER. HOWEVER, IN A LATE CONTACT WITH GUERRILLAS BY THE ADMIN COUNSELOR, THEY STATED THAT THEY HAD AMERICANS UNDER THEIR CONTROL

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BUT HAD RECEIVED ORDERS NOT TO HARM AMERICANS.

MILGROUP COMMO HOUSE: THERE ARE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE MILGP IN THE COMMO HOUSE. LAST CONTACT WAS AT ABOUT 1800 11/29, AND ALL WERE REPORTEDLY DOING FINE. NO CONTACT WITH GUERRILLAS REPORTED.

KENNETH ELLIS: --AID-- (ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND ONE CHILD): LAST CONTACT WITH ELLIS WAS AT 1830 11/29. HE REPORTED SHOOTING IN THE AREA, BUT OTHERWISE HAD NO COMPLAINTS. HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH GUERRILLAS.

RON MILLER: --AID-- (ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE): LAST CONTACT WITH MILLER WAS AT ABOUT 1800 HRS 11/29. HE REPORTED SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.

GEORGE MAYNES: --FORMER DATT STILL RESIDING IN SAN SALVADOR-- CURRENT DATT SPOKE WITH HIM AT ABOUT 1700 HRS. MAYNES IS DOING FINE.

MARK KARNS: --AID-- (ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND CHILD): LAST CONTACT WITH MR. KARNS WAS AT 1830. HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH GUERRILLAS, AND IS FINE.

PETER TAYLOR AND JOSE BARRERA: --MILGP-- ARE TOGETHER WITH A THIRD AMERICAN (POSSIBLY THE WIFE OF ONE OF THEM) IN A SECURE AREA IN THEIR RESIDENCE. REPORT NO CONTACT WITH GUERRILLAS.

GERALD NELL: --AID-- (ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND CHILD). HE IS CURRENTLY IN SAFEHAVEN AND UNABLE TO ANSWER PHONE. RADIO TOO WEAK. LAST CONTACT 1700 HRS.

FRANK SKOWRONSKY: --AID-- HE IS ALONE AND FINE. NO  
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CONTACT WITH GUERRILLAS. LAST CONTACT WITH EMBASSY  
WAS AT 1800.

ALEJANDRO MEDINA: --AID-- MR. MEDINA IS IN A SECURE  
AREA OF HIS RESIDENCE. NO CONTACT WITH GUERRILLAS  
REPORTED. LAST CONTACT WITH EMBASSY WAS AT 1830.

STU JONES: --STATE ECON-- WE HAD A GARBLED RADIO  
TRANSMISSION FROM MR. JONES AT 1745. WE BELIEVE HE IS  
ALL RIGHT AND IN A SECURE AREA.

KATHY O'MEARA: --AID-- MS MEARA IS IN A SECURE AREA  
OF HER HOME AND REPORTS NO CONTACTS WITH GUERRILLAS.  
LAST CONTACT WITH EMBASSY 1800.

5.. IN ADDITION, THE SUPERINTENDENT AND AT LEAST FOUR  
AMCIT TEACHERS FROM THE AMERICAN SCHOOL ALSO TRAPPED  
IN THIS AREA.

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END OF MESSAGE

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